



Sketches & Recitals

THE HARDSHIPS OF PRISON LIFE.

Conditions in Two of the Notorious Prisons in the South During the War.

Editor National Tribune: I was captured with many others at the battle of the Wilderness on the evening of May 6, 1864. We were taken to Orange, C. H., from where the commissioned officers were sent to Charleston and the noncommissioned officers and privates to Danville, where we were kept waiting for transportation to Andersonville.

We were then loaded into box cars—75 men into each car. The guards were on top of the cars. We were huddled in these cars for three days and three nights on our way. When we arrived at Andersonville—there were about 500 of us—we were made acquainted with the notorious Capt. Wirz. As we were marched to the stockade Wirz ordered us to halt and be counted. Many of us were sick and weak from being confined in the hot cars so long, and were unable to stand. One near me was so weak that he was sitting on a stump.

Wirz came along, and with the back of his hand he hit him over the head and knocked him senseless. "How can I count you sitting down?" he said.

After we were counted we were marched thru the gates, and joined the ninth detachment, which made up the

meat business while we were in the prison. The dead would be carried to the gate and laid on the ground in the street, and the next morning at 9 o'clock a wagon took them away, piled up like cordwood.

Many had the scurvy so bad that their gums were so swollen that their teeth fell out.

Early in the morning Wirz would mount his horse, blow his bugle for the bloodhounds to be let out, and then he and his aids would circle the stockade with the hounds to see if any prisoners had escaped during the night. If so, the dogs would take the trail like a lot of fox hounds after a fox; they would have their chase and the riders their sport of riding down that Yank.

The next thing you would see would be a Yank brought in with perhaps part of the flesh torn off of his arms or legs. For punishment the prisoners would be placed in the stocks, kept there for days or weeks, as the case may be, with his hands and feet pinioned for the flies to work on his wounds, in the hot sun and rain.

Whenever a guard shot a Yank he would get a 24-days furlough, and it was his hands and feet pinioned for the flies to work on his wounds, in the hot sun and rain.

Wirz had a guard rail four feet from the ground, and this constituted the dead line. It was 20 feet inside of the stockade, and no one was allowed under or

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Holman's Sharpshooters.

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PICKET SHOTS

From Alert Comrades Along the Whole Line.

Youngest Soldier.

Henry Wise, Corning, Cal., puts in his claim for being the youngest soldier. He enlisted in the 49th Ohio in February, 1864, and carried a mule to the close of the war. He was born Jan. 19, 1860, making him 14 years old when he enlisted. His father was in the service.

The Ruse Worked.

Henry Oliver, Cos. D and E, 13th U. S. Soldiers Home, Cal., says that when stationed on the Tallahatchie he and a comrade went to a house for something to eat, and the woman told them her husband was sick in bed with yellow fever. They were curious and looked at the patient but soon concluded that the company would be worried at their long stay, so they left as fast as they could. Afterward, in calmer moments, they remembered that the patient was hotheaded and spurred, and it looked like the joke was on them.

A Lincoln Collection.

L. R. Miller, 1734 N. Y. Brooklyn, N. Y., has spent his years in collecting everything relating to Lincoln—flags, medals, bronzes and Ensignment badges. He has a banner of many-colored pieces of silk, covering 75 square feet, and is composed of Ensignment badges and other silk emblems. He has a collection of 400 bronze, silver and gold medals and G. A. R. emblems. Comrade Miller is a member of Middleton Post.

Happy Events of Two Useful Lives.

Comrade A. R. Barnes and his good wife celebrated the 40th anniversary of their marriage Jan. 12, 1911, at Albion, N. Y. He also celebrated the anniversary of the birth of Comrade Barnes. His father started the first newspaper in that town in 1810.

The son in turn engaged in the "art preservative," and now the grandson is an editor in the same town. Comrade Barnes was at the front for three years, and after the war was mail agent on the Sixth Iowa Congressional District in six National Encampments of the G. A. R. Mrs. Barnes has been a helpmate worthy of her valiant husband.

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